

N. C. W. C. Bureau Re-unites Family Of Syrian Born U. S. Soldier Of The World War

Detroit, April 17.—Dib Abdalla, was dispatched to Sara El Abdouche Syrian by birth, American citizen by naturalization, and American veteran of the World War by choice, and Dib's wife, Sara El Abdouche and their daughter Marie Rose, are reunited here where, after the manner of the story books, they may "live happily ever after," barring further interference by the United States immigration authorities.

Their story, chronologically told, runs like this: After the World War in which Dib served the United States he wished to bring his sweetheart from his native land and marry her here so that they might live together in the land of their choice.

Detained at Ellis Island. It developed that Sara El Abdouche was afflicted with trachoma, which, under the law, made her inadmissible. It was a mild case, according to the diagnosis of the Public Health Service physicians but still definite enough to bar her from the United States.

But medical treatment is expensive and Dib's income was small and finally in March, 1925, when he had fallen into arrears to the extent of \$255.00 the immigration authorities ordered Sara El Abdouche to be deported.

Wireless to Ship. Then began a period of hectic excitement. First a wireless message

Arrange C. Y. M. A. Meeting in Rome

(By N. C. W. C. News Service) New York, April 17.—Announcement has been made here that the International Secretariate of the Catholic Young Men's Association at Rome, has asked the Catholic Young Men's Association of America to invite all organizations of Catholic young men in the United States to send delegates to the meeting of the international organization in Rome September 15-18 of Holy Year.

The task of organizing this gathering in Rome has been confided to the Catholic Young Men's Association in America because that organization was instrumental in organizing the International Secretariate of the Catholic Young Men's Association three years ago.

Salzburg University Coming Into Its Own. Rev. Dr. Wilhelm Baron von Capitaine.

Cologne, April 7.—The ancient University of Salzburg, established by the Benedictines and a flourishing seat of Catholic learning until it was practically abolished by the Napoleonic era, now seems destined to regain some of its former glories.

Nine New Buildings To Be Started For Detroit University. (By N. C. W. C. News Service) Detroit, April 15.—Construction of nine new buildings for the University of Detroit at an expenditure estimated at \$2,000,000 will be started next Fall according to an announcement made by the Rev. John McNichols, S. J., President of the University.

Texan Tells Klan Story to Readers of London Times

Special Supplement of British Daily Issued For Advertising Men's Convention Carries Article By Houston Editor

London, April 13. One of the features of the "Texas Supplement" published by the London Times in anticipation of the convention of the Associated Advertising Clubs of the World at Houston next month, is an article on the Ku Klux Klan written by M. E. Foster, President of the Houston Chronicle.

"It was started by one William J. Simmons, a visionary, who was imbued with harmless ideas. He wanted a great brotherhood of white men who would resist the encroachments of the foreign element and would purify and extol the race, especially the natives of this country. He forgot that America is new that all our ancestors were from foreign shores, only a century or so removed, and that it was these men who had made the United States possible and powerful.

All Very Simple. The more members secured, the more money for the Atlanta headquarters and the more for the agents. The division of the spoils was very liberal. Every body had a share in the initiation fee and yearly dues; but from \$2.00 to \$4.00 of every \$10.00 collected must be sent to headquarters.

"Towards At Heart". After describing some of the outrages of violence practiced by the Klan in Texas and telling how the outrages ceased as soon as some of the leaders were given prison terms because "they were towards at heart, and as soon as the prospect of a penitentiary sentence opened before them they ceased to hunt the victims of their hate and intolerance."

St. Louis Brothers' College Head Caught In Fire in Chicago

Chicago, April 17.—Brother Baldwin, president of the Christian Brothers College at St. Louis, is recovering from injuries received in a fire which destroyed a greater party of DeLaSalle Institute, Chicago, last Friday night.

Brother Baldwin, who was formerly head of St. Patrick's Christian Brothers school here, was burned about the head and body while making his way from the building. He had arrived in Chicago only a few days before the fire.

The greatest damage was confined to the two upper floors of the school building and the spread of the fire to the adjacent buildings was halted.

Internal Combustion Engine Now Claimed As Priest's Invention

Paris, April 11.—The Mier brothers are generally credited with the invention of the internal combustion engine, in 1866.

In a study published in the "Matin", Charles Nordmann, the physicist, attributes to a priest the honor of being the first to have devised an internal combustion engine. It was in 1678 that such a motor was devised by Abbe Jean Hauteville, son of a baker at Orleans, who became one of the most remarkable mechanics of his time.

Religious Orders Respond to Appeal For Missions Fund

Chicago, April 14.—Plans for the raising of a \$1,000,000 Mission Community Endowment Fund, by contributions from the religious communities, Catholic universities, colleges, academies, high schools, parochial schools and parishes, a fourth division of a proposed \$5,000,000 Church Extension Society fund for missions, are outlined by Very Rev. William D. O'Brien, LL. D., president of the society in the April "Extension" published here.

"Every form of hate was preached if you lived in a community where there were negroes, you were told of the duty of the white man to protect himself against the black. Hatred of the negroes was fomented where the fomenting meant more members and more dollars. If you lived in a community which included whites of the Roman Catholic faith, you were told that the Pope was this country's most deadly enemy and that the United States must be saved by the Ku Klux Protestants in California. It was hatred of the Japanese that brought in new members. In the factory and mining districts it was the supposed menace of the ignorant foreigners that provided incentive to membership. Whenever hate could be engendered the Order grew and flourished."

Missouri Town of 218 Has Finest Church Outside St. Louis

St. Louis, Mo., April 16.—Rt. Rev. Msgr. John J. Tannrath, chancellor of the Archdiocese of St. Louis, officiated yesterday at the consecration of the new altar in the church of the Assumption at New Haven, Mo., of which the Rev. Francis Schiller is the pastor.

The white oak wood, of which there are 35,000 feet was cut, seasoned, hauled and donated by the people. In three years these people raised among them \$37,000 and later gave \$1,500 that the floor might be of the best Zanesville, Ohio, non-slip tile and so be in keeping with the rest of the edifice. The altar and people is "Nothing too good for the House of God."

The high altar, which is a memorial to Father Schiller's parents, the late Robert Schiller, a merchant of South St. Louis, and Mrs. Schiller, is enriched with mosaic squares by August Oetken, an artist from Germany, who also furnished the mural mosaic features of the St. Louis New Cathedral.

Tahiti Hears Radio Program of Marquette

Milwaukee, Wis., April 14.—Marquette University lays claim to the best long distance record in any way sending outfit WNAD, the station of Marquette and the Milwaukee Journal, has received a letter which indicates that the first test program was heard on loud speaker of Tahiti Island, in the Pacific, 6,000 miles away. The letter was 23 days in coming to Milwaukee.

Elaborate ceremonies accompanied the consecration of the altar. According to the traditional usage of the Catholic Church, the relics to be deposited in the altar were kept outside under guard during the night preceding the consecration, while candles were kept lighted and psalms were sung over them.

Msgr. Tannrath was assisted at the consecration by the Rev. Emil Lemkes, pastor of St. Barbara's, St. Louis, as Master of Ceremonies, and by the Rev. Jos. Newman of St. Teresa's, St. Louis; the Rev. George Fugel of Krakow, Mo.; the Rev. Henry Scheurmann of Glidhouse, Mo.; and the Rev. Theon Schoen of Hudson, Mo. An immense number of people from all over Franklin and neighboring counties attended the ceremonies.

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Big Flow of German Pilgrims to Rome

By Rev. Dr. Wilhelm Baron von Capitaine

Cologne, April 6.—Although most of Germany is in subject poverty to-day, it is reported here that no other country in the world outside of Italy is seeing so many Holy Year pilgrims to Rome. So numerous have the German pilgrims become that their pious visits to the Holy City have drawn reproaches from several foreign papers which have cited these pilgrimages as evidence that the Germans really have plenty of money and make the trip to Rome because of a fondness for pleasure.

Such accusations are not justified. The truth is that a wave of religious enthusiasm regarding the Holy Year has swept over Germany.

While hardly a day passes that some German group does not start for Rome there is a tendency just now to concentrate efforts upon pilgrimages which will be in Rome on May 21, the date set for the canonization of the Blessed Peter Calistus, S. J. Cardinal Sebaste, Archbishop of Cologne, has announced that he will take part in one of the pilgrimages set for that time.

Peggy O'Neil Keeps Statue of Virgin On Her Dresser

London, April 16.—Peggy O'Neil keeps a little statue of Our Lady constantly on her table in the theater dressing room, a reporter discovered this week when he went to talk to her in the first night of "Sea Urchin" in which she is starring.

The statue had the place of honor on Peggy's table. "Though it looked odd among the powder boxes and make-up jars, I took off my hat to the charming American actress who keeps always before her this emblem of her religion," wrote the reporter.

Radio Station At Notre Dame Sullivan Memorial

(By N. C. W. C. News Service) Chicago, April 17.—A gift of \$100,000 to Notre Dame University to be used for the erection of a radio station through which university lectures may be broadcast for the benefit of those who cannot afford a university education, has been announced by Boettius H. Sullivan, son of the late Roger C. Sullivan.

Discussing his plans at Mercy Hospital here while he was awaiting an operation, Mr. Sullivan said: "Because of my father's great interest in the education of boys and girls, undoubtedly due to the fact that he was unable to go to school beyond the eighth grade, I am endeavoring to bring to boys and girls throughout Chicago, Illinois and nearby states, who cannot afford a university, the lectures given at Notre Dame and Illinois. I know of no more fitting memorial to a man who struggled to leadership without ordinary advantages than an effort to better the lot of other boys and girls, handicapped, who might fall behind for lack of a better education."

Mobile Parochial School-Girl Wins City Essay Contest

(By N. C. W. C. News Service) Mobile, April 17.—The gold medal given by the City Commissioners of Mobile for the best essay on Lafayette has been awarded to Miss Lillian Westbrook, a pupil of the Cathedral Girls School conducted by the Sisters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul. Students from the public, private and parochial schools of Mobile competed for the prize.

The presentation of the medal was a feature of the Lafayette Centennial Celebration here. Mayor Hartwell made the presentation speech and congratulated the young lady upon her success. Another pupil of the Cathedral School here, Miss Juliette Dawson recently won the prize of \$100 in a nation-wide essay contest conducted by a New England publishing company nearly 10,000 boys and girls completed in this latter contest.

Mgr. Mackin, Aged Washington Pastor, Is Critically Ill

(N. C. W. C. News Service) Washington, April 14.—Mgr. James F. Mackin, pastor of St. Paul's Church here in Georgetown University Hospital suffering from an acute attack of pneumonia. He is eighty-seven years old.

Monsignor Mackin, who is one of the best known members of the Catholic clergy in the National Capital, has had a picturesque career. In his youth, in search of adventure, he joined the crew of a whaling vessel and served for four years as a sailor. Later, after studying for the priesthood he was ordained in the Baltimore Cathedral by the late Archbishop Spalding, June 20, 1855. He came to Washington forty years ago and has been pastor of St. Paul's parish ever since it was established thirty-five years ago.

Sioux City Pastor Has Served 33 Years.

Sioux City, Ia., April 13.—The Rev. T. J. McCarty, pastor of the Cathedral parish here celebrated the thirty-third anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood on Palm Sunday. Father McCarty was the first priest to be ordained from the parish over which he now presides.

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